

Thanks to Armor, Cavalry Soldiers, Leaders, Families for Sacrifices, Dedication to Duty, Service to Nation

I am truly honored to be the 27th U.S. Army Armor School Command Sergeant Major and deeply appreciate the opportunity BG Kevin D. Admiral, Chief of Armor, has given me. In the coming months, I will be looking at ways the Armor School can improve training and better serve you. We will have an opportunity to ensure that the Soldiers who come into the Armored Force are prepared for large-scale combat operations across our Army upon arrival to their brigade combat teams.

I'd be remiss if I did not thank the Soldiers and leaders I have served with over the last 25 years, specifically while assigned in the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Squadron 14th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Squadron 1st Cavalry Regiment and 4th Squadron 2nd Cavalry Regiment. The extensive list of exceptional leaders and Soldiers, and their numerous accomplishments over the years are beyond measure.

I'm looking forward to my time back at Fort Benning, GA. I've been in the operating force for many years, serving as an M1A1/A2 Abrams armor crewman; tank driver, loader, gunner and commander; platoon sergeant; operations noncommissioned officer; cavalry troop and headquarters and headquarters troop first sergeant; operations sergeant major; squadron and brigade command sergeant major. I'll use Gunner's Seat to share my experience, information, insight and the state of the Armor Branch, including training challenges during the pandemic and the measures to overcome them. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns on a subject related to Cavalry and Armor.

I also want to thank all of you and your Families for your sacrifices, dedication to duty and service to our nation. Every day I am amazed at the great things our Cavalry and Armor Soldiers and leaders accomplish around the world. You are the best of the best!

In closing, I want to thank CSM Kevin Muhlenbeck for the outstanding leadership he displayed and the standards he established not only as Thunderbolt 7 but during his entire career. Best wishes to you and "Team Muhlenbeck" as you embark on the next phase of your life.

Forge the Thunderbolt!

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